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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study global climate change and the role of terrestrial ecosystems in governing climate feedbacks within the Earth system, with a focus on understanding the carbon dynamics of permafrost-affected and tropical forest ecosystems.

## EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, CA  
Ph.D., Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, December 2006  
Yale University, New Haven, CT  
B.S., Geology, May 1998

## HONORS AND AWARDS

LBLN: Director's Award for Exceptional Early Scientific Career Achievement, 2014  
NASA: Earth System Science Fellowship 2004-2006  
Yale University: Penfield prize for mineralogy, May 1998

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PRESENTATIONS

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- C. D. Koven et al., PI<sup>n</sup>c-PanTher: The PCN Incubation-Panarctic Thermal Scaling Approach. AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, Dec. 2015.
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- C. D. Koven [Invited] Projecting the carbon-climate feedback from thawing permafrost. Our Common Future under Climate Change, Paris, July 2015
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- C. D. Koven [Invited] Permafrost thaw and its role as a carbon cycle feedback to global warming. The Royal Society of London meeting: "Feedbacks on climate in the Earth system", London, Dec. 2014.
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